

St. John's Lutheran Church **Red Bud, Illinois** *Good Friday 8:30 a.m.* **April 2, 2021**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to worship. We observe the silence of mourners as we gather to witness the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

(please stand if you are able)

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S ABSOLUTION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together at the foot of Your Son's cross where He suffers for us. We are guilty sinners in need of Your forgiveness, life and salvation.

C: Jesus Christ our Savior has died to take away our sins.

P: All too often we fail to fight against the evil in this world.

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P: All too often we fail to fight against the evil in our lives.

C: Jesus Christ our Savior has died to take away our sins.

P: All too often we deny and betray our Lord.

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ALL: We have sinned against You, O Lord, in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. Have mercy on us, dear God, and grant us Your forgiveness.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Lamentations 1:11c-14

P: "Look, O Lord, and see, for I am despised."

C: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see

P: if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me,

C: which the Lord inflicted on the day of His fierce anger?

P: From on high He sent fire; into my bones He made it descend;

C: He spread a net for My feet; He turned Me back.

P: He has left me stunned, faint all the day long.

C: My transgressions were bound into a yoke;

P: by His hand they were fastened together;

C: they were set upon my neck; He caused my strength to fail.

P: The Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand.

C: The Lord rejected all in my midst; He summoned an assembly against me.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross. **C: We pray this in the name of that same Jesus who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, My servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus" (*LSB 439*)

**O dear-est Je-sus, what law hast Thou bro-ken
That such sharp sen-tence should on Thee be spo-ken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make con-fes-sion,
What dark trans-gres-sion?**

**What pun-ish-ment so strange is suf-fered yon-der?
The Shep-herd dies for sheep that loved to wan-der;
The Mas-ter pays the debt His ser-vants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.**

**The sin-less Son of God must die in sad-ness;
The sin-ful child of man may live in glad-ness;
Man for-feit-ed his life and is ac-quit-ed;
God is com-mit-ted.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need...In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

P: This is the Word of our Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: (*please stand if you are able*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*John 19:17-30 is read.*)

Jesus went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the

Jews,' but rather, "This man said, I am King of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 452 "O Perfect Life of Love"



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
 4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul
 5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.
 O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.

6 In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,
 Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;
 And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.

SERMON: "Were You There When He Was Laid in the Tomb?" John 19:38-42

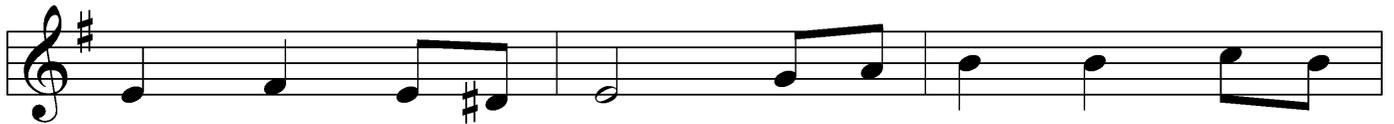
HYMN OF RESPONSE: 451 "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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BIDDING PRAYER: *(please stand if you are able)*

Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all nations,

People: may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word and for all the people of God:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You.

People: We pray for all the servants of Your holy Church, that they may be sufficiently encouraged and strengthened to fulfill their duties in Word and Sacrament ministry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts, keeping them ever mindful of the grace, mercy, and forgiveness bestowed upon them in Holy Baptism.

Almighty God and Father, because You alone grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, recalling their new birth by the waters of Holy Baptism,

People: they may continually acknowledge their adoption as Your sons and daughters in the Church triumphant and rejoice in Your eternal grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

Merciful Father, You hold in Your hand the strength and valor of mankind and have given us the authority to unsheathe the sword of justice against those who do evil and to reward those who do good. Grant, we humbly pray, that all those who exercise global power may devote every effort to attaining peace and concord for the preservation of life; especially increase the wisdom and forthright intentions of the President and the Congress of the United States, the Governor of this state, and all those who administer our laws of justice and safety.

People: May all those who exercise authority do so in accordance with Your holy Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord, the Physician of body, mind, and spirit, that He would safeguard the world from pestilence, addiction.

and disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and safety for those who travel:

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of those who labor, hear the prayers of those who suffer tribulation, cry in distress, or silently agonize over sin and loneliness.

People: In accordance with Your grace, calm the hearts of those who suffer, giving them the comfort of Your Holy Spirit, that they may be kept mindful of Your grace, and bolstered in the one true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who are outside the Church that they may be delivered from their errant direction:

Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not death but life for all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You,

People: free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church where they may be rooted firmly in the one true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such good things as are both needful and profitable for their salvation:

O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only begotten Son, our blessed Lord and Savior, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us.

People: We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious intervention our enemies may be led to true repentance and may be ignited in love toward You and be of one mind and heart with Your holy Church on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for industry and commerce and for all the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His good will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and sustain all living things.

People: We pray that You would continually unveil Your Word in Christ Jesus, that He may dwell in our hearts and increase our gratitude for all those things harvested from Your bounty and produced under Your care that are needful in sustaining our bodies and nourishing our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, ...and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) grant you His peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 456 “Were You There”



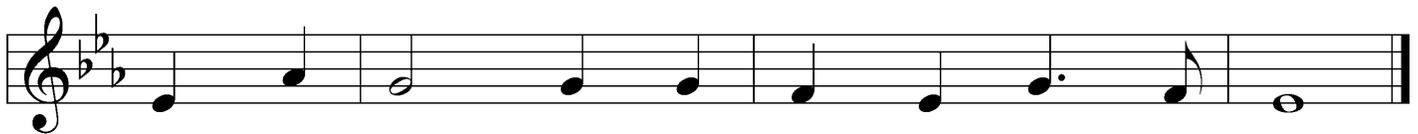
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
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 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
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Serving Us in Worship This Morning

Preacher: Rev. Clifford Adair Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Acolyte: Kaydence Koen

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST meets tomorrow at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

AN EASTER EGG hunt for children through first grade will be held on the north lawn of our school tomorrow at 9 a.m.

SENIOR YOUTH will serve a continental Easter Breakfast from the Fellowship Hall between Sunday morning services.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Saturday, April 3, 5 p.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service

Sun., April 4, 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Holy Communion Service

8:30 a.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (no Youth or Adult Bible Classes)

10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service